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SUBJECT: FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PIETER VAN VOLLENHOVEN'S

VISIT TO ALASKA

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1. PIETER VAN VOLLENHOVEN HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR GOULD OF FINAL PLANS FOR HIS TRIP TO ALASKA TO ATTEND THE WORLD CHAMPION SLED DOG RACING IN ANCHORAGE AND TO SUPERVISE THE SHOOTING OF A FILM ON THE RACING FOR DUTCH TV.

2. VAN VOLLENHOVEN AND HIS PARTY, COMPRISING TV DIRECTOR BOGAARD, ONE CAMERA MAN AND ONE SOUND MAN, WILL ARRIVE IN ANCHORAGE AT 1455 FEBRUARY 14 VIA KLM 867. THEY WILL STAY AT THE TRAVELERS INN MOTEL (USED BY KLM CREWS SERVICING ANCHORAGE). DEPENDING ON LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES VAN VOLLENHOVEN WILL RETURN TO THE NETHERLANDS ON FEBRUARY 18 OR 21. PRINCESS MARGRIET WILL NOT RPT NOT JOIN HIM ON THIS FIRST TRIP BUT SHE MAY ACCOMPANY HIM WHEN HE REVISITS ALASKA AT A LATER DATE TO DO A SECOND AND LONGER TV DOCUMENTARY FILM ON ALASKA.

3. IN HIS LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR VAN VOLLENHOVEN SAYS HE HOPES UNCLASSIFIED

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TO SEE SOMETHING OF ALASKA IN ADDITION TO THE SLED DOG RACING,

INCLUDING IF POSSIBLE A VISIT TO ONE OF THE NATIONAL PARKS. HE HAS THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF DR. THOMAS J. JUNGER OF ANCHORAGE AND EARL NORRIS OF WILLOW, ALASKA, WHOSE KENNELS HE PLANS TO VISIT WITH THE IDEA OF BUYING A HUSKY TO BRING BACK TO THE NETHERLANDS.

4. ADDITIONALLY VAN VOLLENHOVEN'S SECRETARY (MISS ARIENS) HAS INFORMED US THAT KLM HAS A COMPANY MEDALLION (6 CENTIMETERS IN DIAMETER) WHICH IT WISHES TO OFFER TO THE WINNER OF ONE OF THE EVENTS IN THE RACING. ON KLM'S BEHALF MISS ARIENS ASKED TO BE ADVISED BY THE APPROPRIATE ALASKAN AUTHORITIES WHAT BRIEF INSCRIPTION SHOULD GO ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE MEDALLION. KLM WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS ENGRAVING DONE IN THE NETHERLANDS PRIOR TO PARTY'S DEPARTURE FOR ANCHORAGE ON FEB 13.

5. SEPTTEL CONTAINS NEXT OF MESSAGE WHICH AMBASSADOR GOULD ASKS DEPT TO PASS TO GOVERNOR EGAN, PROVIDING DETAILS ON VAN VOLLENHOVEN'S PLANS AND STATING THAT VAN VOLLENHOVEN'S VISIT AND THE TV PROJECT HAVE THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE DEPT AND USIA. IN ADDITION TO NORMAL COURTESIES SUCH AS MEETING VAN VOLLENHOVEN AND PARTY ON ARRIVAL EMBASSY REQUESTS THE DEPT TO ARRANGE WITH GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR LIMITED ESSENTIAL ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE VISIT. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL FOR INSTANCE IF JOHN WERNER OR SOME OTHER STATE OFFICIAL COULD SERVE AS CONTACT MAN WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR MAKE THE TV DOCUMENTARY AND ARRANGING FOR VAN VOLLENHOVEN TO VISIT A NATIONAL PARK AND ANY OTHER SITES OF INTEREST IN THE VICINITY.

6. IN ANOTHER SEPTTEL AMBASSADOR GOULD WILL ASK THE DEPT TO TRANSMIT A MESSAGE TO SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR MORTON INFORMING HIM OF VAN VOLLENHOVEN'S VISIT INCLUDING HIS INTEREST IN SEEING A NATIONAL PARK.
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